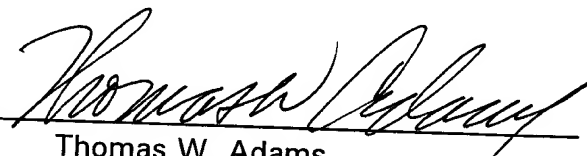


on the polymer (A). The remaining claims are believed to patentably distinguish over Tipton et al for the reasons of record.

In the event any issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicants request the Examiner call William C. Tritt or the undersigned attorney (both at the number shown below) to expedite allowance of the claims. If any additional fees are required for the filing of these papers, Applicants request the Commissioner to charge those fees to deposit account #12-2275.

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